

## Message Text

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R 230930Z DEC 76  
FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9172  
INFO AMEMBASSY MASERU  
AMEMBASSY MBABANE  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, CASC, BC, US  
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER: INCIDENTS INVOLVING AMERICANS

1. WE ARE RECEIVING A GROWING NUMBER OF REPORTS OF DISAGREEABLE,  
AND IN SOME CASES DISTURBING, INCIDENTS INVOLVING AMERICAN CITIZENS  
(AND OTHERS) IN FRANCISTOWN AREA. THESE REPORTS REFLECT INCREASING  
TENSIONS AND NERVOUSNESS IN NORTHEAST REGION OF THE COUNTRY.

2. IN VIEW OF THESE CONCERNS, I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MY MEETING DEC. 22  
WITH EXTAFF MIN MOGWE TO SAY I WANTED TO LET HIM KNOW INFORMALLY  
THAT TENSIONS WERE AFFECTING AMERICANS AND HAD RESULTED IN MINOR  
INCIDENTS OF WHICH I OFFERED TO PROVIDE DETAILS. I SAID WE IN TURN  
WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY GOB SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT MIGHT BE  
DONE TO AVOID THE TYPE OF DIFFICULTIES THAT MIGHT REACH THE MEDIA  
AND HE MAGNIFIED IN A WAY THAT COULD IMPAIR EXISTING PROGRAMS.  
IN THIS CONNECTION I SPECIFICALLY (WITH PC DIRECTOR'S AGREEMENT)  
INQUIRED WHETHER GOB WOULD RECOMMEND TEMPORARY "REDEPLOYMENT"  
OF PCVS NOW ASSIGNED FRANCISTOWN AREA.

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3. MOGWE LISTENED ATTENTIVELY AND APPEARED TO BE LEARNING OF  
THESE INCIDENTS FOR FIRST TIME. HE INSTRUCTED EXTAFF SECRETARY  
MPOTOKWANE TO DRAW ATTENTION OF MR. STEENKAMP (SECRETARY TO  
THE CABINET) AND SAID HE WOULD BE IN  
TOUCH WITH US.

4. WE LATER CONVEYED TO EXTAFF SECRETARY MPOTOKWANE BY LETTER (FROM DCM) SUBSTANCE OF ONE INCIDENT AS REPORTED TO US BY A PCV. DCM ALSO INFORMED MPOTOKWANE OF PC DIRECTOR'S CONTEMPLATED TRIP TO FRANCISTOWN AREA TO CONSUL WITH PCVS THERE AND ASKED IF THERE WERE COMMENTS ON DESIRABILITY OF SUCH TRAVEL AT THIS TIME. WE ARE AWAITING REPLY.

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